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CIVIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

COMMUNITY BUDGET CONVERSATIONS

As a cornerstone of Norfolk being a well managed government, it is important that development of the city's FY 2013 budget have meaningful public input. The city, during the month of January, will host five community conversations on the economic backdrop focusing on building community understanding of the fiscal challenges facing Norfolk. The early start to public discussions on the fiscal challenges is structured to ensure residents have opportunities to discuss spending priorities, service delivery strategies, and savings strategies. Your participation in these community conversations strengthens the city as a service provider as well as continues efforts to become a more inclusive government during these difficult economic times.

Dates/Times/Locations under Attend a Community Conversation:

Thursday, January 12

6-8pm

Campostella Elementary School, 1106 Campostella Road (23523)

Thursday, January 26

6-8pm

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue (23503)

Monday, January 30

6-8pm

Lamberts Point Community Center, 1251 W. 42nd Street (23508)

Tuesday, January 31

6-8pm

Third Patrol Division, 901 Asbury Avenue (23513)

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COMMENT AND VIEW BUDGET INFORMATION ON-LINE

The City will again create a budget website to provide residents with budget-related information and video presentations, as well as an on-line forum where you can offer comments and suggestions. You can access the forum at www.norfolk.gov in the *Build a Budget* tab.

To ensure residents have opportunities to discuss spending priorities, service delivery strategies and savings strategies, we are opening this forum early in the budget process. It will remain open as we progress from consideration, to development of a draft budget, to the May public hearing. You are encouraged to check back and, if you desire, revise your postings as we move through the process. As part of your response, please consider:

1. What does well-managed government mean to you
2. What level of service would you expect from a well-managed government
3. What can you do now to help City government to be well-managed through cost savings

The blog question will be: What are your suggestions or comments on City spending priorities or service delivery for fiscal 2013 and beyond?

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

The following is a summation of recent actions taken by City Council. For full documents and agenda information, go to www.norfolk.gov City Council section or the City Clerk's Office.

December 13, 2011 Meeting

Conveyance of a GEM Lot (SEE EXPLANATION OF GEM PROGRAM BELOW) located at 802 Thayer Street** to the adjoining property, in order to create a conforming residential lot. The property owners plan to use this GEM Lot to extend their back yard. APPROVED

Conveyance of a GEM Lot located at 2511 Middle Avenue to the owner of the adjoining property, in order to create a conforming residential lot. The property owner plans to use this GEM Lot to landscape and extend the side yard. APPROVED.

Conveyance of a GEM Lot located at N. S. Forrest Avenue to the owner of the adjoining property. The property owner plans to use this GEM Lot to extend her side yard. APPROVED.

Conveyance of a GEM Lot located at 732 Reservoir Avenue to Plumb Line Ministries, Inc. and combine this GEM Lot with a vacant lot owned by Norfolk Redevelopment &

Housing Authority at 734 Reservoir Avenue. The combining of the two lots will create a conforming buildable residential lot. APPROVED.

Conveyance of a GEM Lot located at 611 Reservoir Avenue to the owner of the adjoining property, in order to create a conforming residential lot. The property owner plans to use this GEM Lot for a driveway and side yard. APPROVED.

Conveyance of a GEM Lot located at 722 Maltby Avenue to Plumb Line Ministries, Inc. and combine this GEM Lot with a vacant lot owned by the Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority at 724 Maltby Avenue (for purchase price of \$20,000). The combining of the two lots will create a conforming buildable residential lot. APPROVED.

Conveyance of various parcels of land, in Lambert Point area, to Old Dominion University. The City will convey 10 small parcels to ODU. Once the conveyance is complete there is also a settlement of the original understandings and ODU will pay to the City of Norfolk \$329,935 as compensation. (APPROVED).

HISTORY: In the mid-1990's ODU and the City of Norfolk discussed the exchange of lands and the initial development along Hampton Boulevard as a gateway to the proposed University Village. Additionally, the parties discussed the then updated ODU Master Plan. The result of the discussions was the decision to exchange certain lands and make certain improvements including a decision on values and the exchange of funds.

The City of Norfolk received the land for the Fire Station and ODU was to receive certain lots that facilitated the consolidation of parcels consistent with its Master Plan development. There was also included in the discussions the concept of undergrounding certain overhead wires and various Hampton Boulevard improvements. Much of the work has been completed. However, the final steps of formal conveyance of land from the City of Norfolk did not take place and the ordinance is a part of formalizing and completing these long ago decisions.

West Olney Road - Street closure of a variable-width portion of West Olney Road north of Fairfax Avenue and west of Colley Avenue at the request of Eastern Virginia Medical School. This closure will vacate and discontinue a portion of West Olney Road and relocate it to better align with the existing parking lot entrance and exit, providing a 4-way intersection and removing the existing offset entrance. APPROVED.

1129 Selden Avenue – Change of zoning to allow GPMC Properties to construct two single-family homes. Resulting plans will be reviewed by Planning Commission before construction. APPROVED.

2501 Fawn Street - The request will allow for the development of one dwelling unit. The site is currently developed with a market, artist studios and parking. The applicant is proposing to add one dwelling unit to the artist studio uses on the second floor of 2501 Fawn Street. APPROVED.

Street closing of an unimproved 755 foot segment of Salvage Street for access to new track and train maintenance as part of the inter-city passenger rail project, currently under construction. APPROVED.

Temporary relocation of two polling locations: Stuart Precinct will be temporarily relocated to the Administration Building of the Virginia Zoo until a permanent polling location is found. Crossroads will be temporarily relocated to Crossroads Elementary School until construction of the new Crossroads Community Center is complete. APPROVED.

Gasoline Stations (sales only) in Broad Creek - amend the *Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norfolk, 1992*, as amended to add a development certificate process with a waiver provision and to allow gasoline stations by a special exception. APPROVED.

Handicapped ramp 2922 Cape Henry Avenue – authorize the acquisition of a permanent right-of-way easement and a temporary construction easement for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a handicapped access ramp for a public sidewalk on private property located at 2922 Cape Henry Avenue. APPROVED.

Zoning Text Amendment to eliminate the requirement for a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition when public safety is involved; and when improvements are not visible from the public right-of-way except for alleys. APPROVED.

Virginia Zoo Animal Wellness Campus (Zoo hospital and animal diet kitchen) – open an account for \$1 million in funds raised and previously donated by the Virginia Zoological Park toward construction of the Virginia Zoo Animal Wellness Campus. APPROVED.

Dealers of Salvaged Vehicles – Place a 10-day hold on certain vehicles sold by scrap and salvage yards. During 2010-2011, the City of Norfolk and surrounding cities observed a major increase of stolen vehicles. The vehicles being taken shared similar characteristics in that they were older model sedans manufactured between 1980 and 1999. Investigators from the Norfolk Police Department's Auto Squad determined the increase was due to the rising value of scrap metal as the vehicles were being taken to salvage and scrap yards after being stolen to be sold for the metal value. There were no protective measures in place to detect this type of activity. The Police Department's ability to monitor vehicles being sold as scrap will be enhanced. Identification of thieves stealing vehicles and recovery of victims' property prior to its destruction is goals of the ordinance. APPROVED.

VDOT Princess Anne Road/Sewells Point Road Construction Agreement - Revision APPROVED.

The Palace, 200 East Plume Street - Allow The Palace to modify the identified managers for the establishment and to revise the floor plans. APPROVED.

Right of Entry Agreement – 358 Mowbray Arch – The City will obtain Right of Entry to property located at 358 Mowbray Arch from EVMS for the purpose of surveying, subsurface investigations, and other related activities to preparatory to the purchase of the property. APPROVED.

Use of grant from Bureau of Justice Assistance - Use a \$55,430 grant award, if and when received from the Department of Justice, for offender tracking devices and employee training. The Bureau of Justice Assistance provides yearly reimbursement to Sheriff Departments for housing inmates who are not legal USA citizens. APPROVED.

Franchise Agreement with Virginia Beach to Install, Operate and Maintain a Sanitary Sewer System Along Wesleyan Drive. APPROVED.

Consolidated Courts Building construction at 150 - 160 Saint Paul's Boulevard – Downtown development certificate for the construction of the 315,000 square foot Consolidated Courts Building on the Civic Plaza with facilities for the Circuit Court, General District Court, Norfolk Juvenile Court and Domestic Relations Court. APPROVED.

Analysis

- This site occupies the northwest corner of the Civic Plaza generally bounded by Saint Paul's Boulevard, City Hall Avenue, and Union Street and is located in Downtown.
- The building will include 24 courtrooms and offices for related agencies.
- The building's wing facing Saint Paul's Boulevard frontage will contain eight stories while the wing adjacent to the Tide Light Rail Civic Plaza Station will be five stories in height.
- The two wings are joined by a rotunda with four stacked atria capped with a two story ceremonial assembly space.
- Extensive landscaping on the plaza is a part of this overall project.
- The proposed development meets the requirements of The *Zoning Ordinance*.
- The design of the Consolidated Courts Building has been approved through the Design Review Process.

Increase Funding Authorization for the Parking Facilities Fund by an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000. This additional authorization is required to establish a project entitled "Rehabilitation of the MacArthur Center Garages" for reasonable and necessary capital repairs to the MacArthur Center North and South Parking Garages. The Taubman Company, operators of the center, are responsible for annual or general maintenance.

Acquisition of Property at 6160 Rolfe Avenue to allow the City to construct a new sanitary sewer pump station at this location. APPROVED.

City of Norfolk Employee retirement: Amend and reordain vesting requirements of the Norfolk City Code Section 37-74 for retirement eligibility. In other words, employees must work for the city for five years before becoming vested in the City's retirement plan even if they reach retirement age before then. APPROVED.

Enhancement Program Elizabeth River Trail, Phases 3 and 4. Amend the City/State agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Norfolk for the Transportation Enhancement Program Elizabeth River Trail Project, Phases 3 and 4. This ordinance will accept funds for said project of \$899,250. The estimated cost for these project phases total \$899,250 for Elizabeth River Trail Improvements. The VDOT Enhancement Programs is 80% federally funded and 20% locally funded; the city of Norfolk continues to use the value of right of way donated by Norfolk Southern as its required match. APPROVED.

Encroachment – 9' wide by 70' long concrete driveway at 1412 Shipp Avenue
Allow H & W Builders and Construction, driveway access to 1412 Shipp Avenue.
APPROVED.

\$250,000 grant for Schooner Virginia. Allow the City to accept a Federal Transportation Enhancement grant totaling \$250,000 on behalf of the Schooner Virginia. APPROVED.

Traffic Control – School Zone Speed Limit

If approved, the City Code will be amended regarding the posting of traffic control regulation as follows: “.. In School Zones” speed limit signs will be changed at: Campostella Road, 15 mile per speed limit in the Campostella Elementary School Zone
APPROVED.

411 Granby Street - Allow Plaza Azteca patrons to eat outside. APPROVED.

December 23, 2011 Holiday - will provide City employees a full day of holiday on Friday, December 23, 2011 (employees currently have a half day) APPROVED.

Elizabeth River Trail - this ordinance is an agreement between the City and Norfolk Southern Railway to release all restrictions on land donated by NS. When the Norfolk Southern Railway Company donated a section of an abandoned Right of Way to the City for routing the Elizabeth River Trail, the Deed of Donation restricted the future use of the land to the trail and public use. As part of its plan to expand the Mid Town Tunnel, VDOT needs the property with an unrestricted Deed to satisfy a requirement by the Federal Highway Authority. The current Elizabeth Trail alignment will not change.
APPROVED.

Advanced Traffic Management System Phase IV Project – authorizes the City to execute an agreement with the State and to appropriate funds to be reimbursed by

VDOT for the administration of Advanced Traffic Management System Phase IV project. APPROVED.

Lowery Road – Accept two permanent signal easements and a temporary construction easement over certain property owned by National Development LLC, for the purpose of installing a traffic signal on Lowery Road at the entrances to the Farm Fresh and Wal-Mart stores. APPROVED.

300 Park Avenue – Approve the conveyance to the City of Norfolk by Norfolk Southern Railway Co. of Virginia at 300 Park Avenue for the purpose of aligning the proposed entrance to the proposed railway station to Holt Street. APPROVED.

Cancellation of City Council Meetings for Calendar Year 2012 - The Norfolk City Charter permits City Council to cancel 16 meetings per calendar year. This ordinance will cancel eight regular City Council meetings for calendar year 2012 which will provide for better planning of the Council's legislative activities throughout the year. APPROVED.

Meeting Cancellation Date	Reason for Cancellation
January 3	New Year's Holiday
March 13	NLC Congressional Meeting
May 1	City Council Elections
August 7	Council Recess
August 14	Council Recess
September 4	Labor Day
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas

NOTE: Additional meetings may be cancelled throughout the year.

HRT 365 GOPASS program - grant authority to the City Manager to negotiate an Agreement with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) to provide public transportation passes to City employees. The financial outlay for this program is not expected to exceed \$75,000 in fiscal year 2012 (which ends June 30). Increased use of public transportation by employees who would otherwise commute to and from, or during work will reduce carbon emissions from the use of personal and city-owned vehicles. APPROVED.

**** GEM Lot Side Lot for Side Yards Initiative:** *GEM lots are acquired through the City's blight laws. Where single vacant lots (non-buildable) are located next to a property with improvements, the Side Lot for Side Yards Initiative provides an opportunity to adjacent*

property owners to expand their properties. Side yards must be legally combined with owner's original house lot, permanently creating a larger residential parcel. It is strongly encouraged that GEM lots be fenced, landscaped or, by some other means, physically or aesthetically consolidated with the adjacent property. The objectives of the Side Lot Disposition program are:

- *To place vacant properties under an adjacent owner's care;*
- *To encourage the long-term growth of the City's property tax revenue by enhancing property values;*
- *To give neighborhood residents additional yard space that can be used for additions, driveways, gardens, or other personal uses*

There is no cost for the GEM parcels under the Side Lots for Side Yards Initiative; however, applicants will be required to pay any related costs associated with the transfer of the title. Upon conveyance, property owners will be responsible for all future real estate taxes.

November 22, 2011 meeting

West Freemason and East Freemason Historic and Cultural Conservation District.

The proposed changes will allow for additional signage within the HC-WF1, HC-WF2 and HC-EF zoning districts. APPROVED.

- Permitted commercial uses in non-contributing structures taller than 35-feet will be allowed an additional larger sign.
- A-frame signage will be allowed for businesses and registered civic organizations.
- The definition of Museum Banners will now include Performance Arts.
- Conforming commercial uses will be allowed up to three Museum/Performance Arts banners in conjunction with an event being held at the facility.

Revise allowable home occupations and other regulations - This agenda item is a text amendment to revise allowable home occupations and other regulations. APPROVED.

Analysis

- These amendments reflect City Council direction to update regulations governing home occupations.
- These changes are based on staff review of the regulations of other jurisdictions in the region.
- This ordinance increases the building area permitted to be designated to the home occupation to 25% of the building from the current 15%
- This ordinance also will allow the use of an accessory structure for a home occupation.

- This ordinance will allow certain types of businesses that are currently prohibited (see below) from being conducted as a home occupation; so long as there is no outdoor storage.
 - Contractors/Sub-contractors offices
 - Landscape or lawn service operations
 - Janitorial services

Conveyance of a GEM Lot on property located at 834 Lexington Street to adjacent property owners. APPROVED.

Conveyance of a GEM Lot property located at 1017 Saint Julian Avenue to adjacent property owner. APPROVED.

Amend “Tables of Principal Uses for Industrial Districts” to allow an “eating establishment” and “seafood processing; seafood market” as a permitted use in the I-3 (General Industrial) District. APPROVED.

Kroc Center - application of the City of Norfolk for the Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, for a change of zoning from C-2 (Corridor Commercial), I-1 (Limited Industrial), and PDBCR (Planned Development – Broad Creek Renaissance) Districts. APPROVED. This agenda item is to change the zoning to allow the site to be developed with a Community Center.

Analysis

- This site is just to the north of the Broad Creek area.
- The *General Plan* designates this site as Institutional, making the proposed use consistent with the *General Plan*.
- *The Broad Creek Revitalization and Implementation Plan* called for a community center on this site.
- The site was previously developed with a convenience store and limited industrial uses.
- The City of Norfolk purchased this site for development of the Kroc Center.
- Kroc Centers are comprehensive community centers where children and families are exposed to different people, activities, and arts that would typically be beyond their reach.
- Funded through a donation to the Salvation Army, development of Kroc Centers began nationally in 2005.
- Norfolk is one of 27 cities where Kroc Centers are either open or proposed.
- The rezoning to conditional IN-1 would allow the site to be developed with the Kroc Center.
- The rezoning will result in 6,743 fewer possible daily vehicle trips.

Financial Impact

- Development of a Kroc Center on this site will reduce demands for a City funded recreation center in the Broad Creek area.

Environmental

- Development of a Kroc Center on this site will enhance the Broad Creek neighborhood as well as other neighborhoods in the area, providing access to recreational and cultural amenities.
- The building will be required to go through the City's Design Review process, since it is being developed on land provided by the City.

Waters Edge Apartments - Application of John Napier to a) amend The General Plan of Norfolk, 1992, to change the land use classification from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential, b) to amend the Zoning Ordinance to create the Water's Edge Apartments Residential Planned Development District and c) for a change of zoning from C-2 (Corridor Commercial) District to PD-MU WE District on property located at 350 Campostella Road. APPROVED.

Norfolk Christian Upper School - Amend the *General Plan of Norfolk, 1992* and change the zoning to allow the site to be developed with multi-purpose athletic fields and an athletic building. APPROVED.

Analysis

The change of zoning will expand the campus of the Norfolk Christian Upper School. The change in zoning will isolate four single family homes on the north side of Filbert Street. The conceptual site plan adopted as a condition to this change of zoning limits the use of the property adjoining these homes to fields and an athletic building.

Natural Gas Easement - This agenda item is to approve the advertisement of an Invitation to Bid for a Deed of Easement for a 15-foot and variable width nonexclusive, 40 year easement for the installation and maintenance of natural gas facilities under Little Creek Reservoir, in parallel with Northampton Boulevard in Virginia Beach. APPROVED.

- The financial consideration to be paid to the City in regard to this transaction is unknown until bid responses are received, opened in a Public Hearing, and the selected bid approved by City Council.

Downtown Norfolk Council Donation – Accept the donation of \$69,616 to the City from Downtown Norfolk Council and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the funds to renovate the Granby Street tree pit surfaces in the 100 to 400 blocks to enhance safety and appearance. APPROVED.

Port Authority - An Ordinance approving the terms of a Right of Entry Agreement with Virginia Port Authority relative to certain vacant property located at 100-120 East Main Street in the City of Norfolk. APPROVED.

Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan - This agenda item is an ordinance to approve and adopt the updated Southside Hampton Roads Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to maintain eligibility for federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funds. APPROVED.

An additional component to this mitigation plan is the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Norfolk's participation provides flood insurance discounts for policy holders. Norfolk's current rating is 9 (out of 10) which is a 5 percent savings to residents.

Bullet proof vests - Accept \$6,047 from the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase bulletproof vests for the Norfolk Police Department and Norfolk Sheriff's Department. Cash match of \$4,386 will be provided from the Police Department and \$1,660 from the Sheriff's Department. APPROVED.

Port Security - Accept \$146,400 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and authorizing a local cash match of \$48,800 for the purchase of equipment to enhance Port Security. APPROVED.

Military Highway – a resolution to apply for funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation for Military Highway Feeder Road Pedestrian Improvements (Poplar Hall Park to Military Highway). APPROVED.

Military Highway - an ordinance dedicating certain property owned by the City of Norfolk for the purpose of widening Military Highway at Lake Herbert Drive. APPROVED.

Pedestrian and Bicycle - a resolution to apply for funding in the amount of up to \$200,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation for Killam Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements (38th Street to 46th Street) APPROVED.

Algonquin Bridge –a resolution to apply for funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$750,000 for improvements to Algonquin Park Bridge. APPROVED.

Orange Avenue - a resolution to apply for funding in the amount of up to \$600,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation for Orange Avenue Street Improvements. APPROVED.

Kimball Terrace culvert - a resolution to apply for funding in the amount of up to \$350,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation for Kimball Terrace culvert improvements. APPROVED.

Meadowbrook Bridge - a resolution to apply for funding in the amount of up to \$750,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation for improvements to Meadowbrook Bridge. APPROVED.

I.

Accept Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant - The \$276,450.00 Grant is designated to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. APPROVED. The projects are as follows:

Department	Project	Funding
Norfolk Police Department	To pay overtime for community policing activities	\$74,000
Sheriff—City Jail Drug Treatment Program	To help fund a drug counselor to serve 19 inmates at \$40.00 a week for 52 weeks	\$ 39,000
NCSB-Counseling for Opiate Addicted Individuals	To partially fund the salary and benefits for a full-time counselor	\$53,000
Norfolk Criminal Justice Services-Adult Community Supervision Program	To implement a GPS Monitoring Program	\$39,000
Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office—Juvenile Team Prosecution Program	To fund the salary and benefits for a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney I position for a year	\$71,450

Financial Impact - The grant does not require a local cash match.

269 Granby - Ordinance granting a Downtown Development Certificate to permit applicant to renovate and change the use from entertainment establishment to retail. APPROVED.

Wal-Mart - an ordinance accepting the dedication of two permanent signal easements and a temporary construction easement over certain property owned by Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, for the purpose of installing a traffic signal on Lowery Road APPROVED.

Lake Herbert Drive - An Ordinance dedicating certain property owned by the City of Norfolk for the widening of Military Highway at Lake Herbert Drive. APPROVED.

Litter prevention, recycling - Acceptance of a \$25,229 Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality Grant for litter prevention, recycling and environmental education programs. APPROVED.

Libraries - Accept \$57,544.06 from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Fund E-Rate Grant Program and appropriate and authorize the expenditure of

\$57,544 for telecommunications and technology services for the Norfolk Public Library
APPROVED.

Bon Secours Health System - a Resolution to permit Bon Secours Health System, Inc. to issue revenue and refunding bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$80,000,000 utilizing the Economic Development Authority as the conduit. The issuance will refinance the existing Series 2008D1&2 Bonds (approximately \$78 million) and provide new money (approximately \$2 million) to fund improvements at its acute care hospital. APPROVED.

Juvenile Detention - Accept a \$50,000 Department of Juvenile Justice Grant to support a program for the placement, supervision and intervention needs of the youth on probation and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the Grant Funds for the Program," was introduced in writing and read by its title. APPROVED.

Lake Wright East Office Park - approve the City/State Standard Project Administration Agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the City for the Northampton Boulevard traffic signal and associated enhancements at the entrance of the proposed Lake Wright East Office Park.

- Phase I of the *Northampton Boulevard Roadway Modifications to Support Lake Wright East* project is currently under contract by the Department of Public Works and involves the creation of a limited access break and modification of the roadway at Northampton Boulevard and the I-64 East entrance ramp to serve the future Lake Wright East Development site. These roadway modifications are substantially complete, pending punch-list items. Funding for the Phase I roadway modifications were through the City of Norfolk's Capital Improvement Program. Phase 1 costs were \$985,000.
- Phase II of the *Northampton Boulevard Roadway Modifications to Support Lake Wright East* project involves the addition of a new traffic signal which will be located at the entrance of the future development site on Northampton Boulevard and at the new Interstate-64 access.
- The proposed Northampton Boulevard traffic signal is required prior to the development of the future Lake Wright East Office Park.
- The future goal of the combined two Phases of roadway work will provide a safe access for motorists who enter and exit the future development site located on the north side of Northampton Boulevard directly across from the new interstate access.
- The Department of Economic Development will be soliciting proposals for future development of the Lake Wright East parcel.
- This ordinance will authorize the execution of the City/State Agreement and allow the traffic signal to be constructed.

Financial Impact

- Funding participation of the City's share of this project, in the amount of up to \$200,000, will come from funds appropriated in the FY12 Capital Improvement Program to support the Lake Wright East Development project.

- The construction of this project will allow the future opening of the Lake Wright East Office Park, which will positively impact employment and the economy within the City of Norfolk.

111 Tazewell Street - An Ordinance granting a Special Exception to permit the operation of an eating and drinking establishment on property located at 111 Tazewell Street, Unit 101 A (APPROVED).

418-422 West 21st Street - This agenda item is to allow an existing nonconforming automobile repair facility, Coastal Imports Repair, to construct a 1,040 square foot automobile alignment shop (APPROVED).

4012 Colley Avenue – This agenda item is to allow Phoenix Bar and Grill to offer wine, beer, mixed beverages, and to provide entertainment to its customers (APPROVED).

Chrysler Museum of Art - This agenda item is to allow for the expansion and renovation of the Chrysler Museum (APPROVED).

This 5 acre site is bounded by Memorial Place, Grace Street, Duke Street, West Olney and Mowbray Arch. The proposal would:

- Increase art gallery exhibit space in multiple locations,
- Relocate/consolidate food services functions
- Improve access to and use of outdoor spaces
- Memorial Garden
- Mary's Garden
- Improve access for the disabled

The proposed development meets the requirements of the *Zoning Ordinance* with the exception of parking requirements and transparency along Duke Street and West Olney Road and subject waivers are required. The waivers are recommended for approval:

- The waiver for parking can be justified considering that additional parking is being proposed, the location of the near frequent bus and light rail service, and ITE Urban area parking recommendations.
- The waiver for transparency can be justified in that the proposed renovations will not impact the façades along Duke Street and Olney Road which are part of the original structure.

The project has been reviewed through the Design Review process.

Acquisition of property - The General Services Administration (GSA) has declared the former Hampton Roads Shore Patrol building and land to be surplus property to their needs. The City of Norfolk desires to own the property and has engaged GSA in the process of acquisition. The Resolution is a requirement of the process to acknowledge the intent of the City Council to have the City Manager enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the property. The subject property is adjacent to existing City of Norfolk property and is in use by the Sheriff for his administrative offices and to meet his needs

for a training facility for the men and women of that department. On the advice of the Transportation and Infrastructure committee, staff is seeking City Council approval of the resolution of official intent. Upon completion of the negotiations, the City Council will still approve any contract for the acquisition.

II. **Financial Impact**

Staff does not currently know the fiscal impact of this effort. The process provides for the GSA to obtain and provide an appraisal of the property and building and then we will negotiate a value. The land is currently assessed at \$823,000.

Council presentations

2012 Real Estate Assessments – Deborah Bunn, Real Estate Assessor

- After reviewing only 10 percent of the City's 2011 real estate (residential neighborhoods only), Ms. Bunn indicated that the City's residential 2012 real estate tax assessments are down 2 percent in this initial sample of neighborhoods.
- She also reported that commercial 2012 real estate tax assessments are tracking slightly upward in the initial sample.
- Ms. Bunn will continue to keep Council informed as more data is collected.

Legislative Update – Bryan Pennington, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

- Mr. Pennington reviewed with and obtained approval from the committee of the City's DRAFT 2012 Legislative Priorities Package.
- He also outlined a timeline of events from November 8, 2011 through until January 11, 2012.

Retirement Vesting Requirements - Mary Lou Nexsen, Deputy City Attorney

- Ms. Nexsen outlined that current City Code allows City employees to separate from their employment and receive retirement benefits based on their age without having vested [five years of service with the City] in the Norfolk Employee Retirement System.
- She shared and the committee agreed that the current City Code will be amended on December 13 to require vesting *before* qualification for normal or early service retirement benefits.

Shared Services – Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

- Mr. Jones reported that he together with the City Managers from Virginia Beach (Jim Spore) and Chesapeake (William Harrell) have worked with the Hampton Roads Partnership to help them, their staff and cities find opportunities to share services.

CITY UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION

Norfolk participating in regional pilot program to investigate sharing of services - The chief executive officers of the region's Fortune 500 companies and the mayors of the three largest South Hampton Roads cities are teaming up to explore how the region could benefit from potentially sharing public services. The Hampton Roads Partnership is organizing the pilot Hampton Roads Shared Services Project (SSP) with Management Partners, a Cincinnati, Ohio-based management-consulting firm that specializes in helping local government leaders.

This joint public-private venture combines the business expertise of the top executives from Amerigroup, Dollar Tree, Huntington-Ingalls, Norfolk Southern Corporation, and Smithfield Foods with the municipal government acumen of the leaders of Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach to analyze those services that offer the greatest opportunity for successful integration to reduce service delivery costs while providing the best service quality.

"With multiple adjacent cities in the Hampton Roads area, there are opportunities for cities to share services and avoid the costs of providing those services separately," said Wick Moorman, CEO of Norfolk Southern and chair of the SSP. "The ability of business leaders in the region to work successfully with government leaders offers a particular opportunity to take advantage of shared services and reduce the cost of local government."

Management Partners recommended the Hampton Roads Partnership take the lead role in organizing shared services projects as part of a coordinated regional initiative. The first pilot project includes the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Results will determine potential future projects.

The steering committee guiding the project held its first meeting Nov. 30. The steering committee includes E. Dana Dickens, III, president and CEO of Hampton Roads Partnership; William Harrell, Chesapeake City Manager; Rick West, Chesapeake City Council; Marcus Jones, Norfolk City Manager; Barclay Winn, Norfolk City Council; Jim Spore, Virginia Beach City Manager; Glenn Davis, Virginia Beach City Council; James Fothergill, chief people officer of Dollar Tree; Jeff Gough, Smithfield Foods vice president for Human Resources; and Tina Gill, Amerigroup vice president for External Relations Operations. Jim Hixon, Norfolk Southern executive vice president-Law and Corporate Relations, serves as chair of the steering committee, which plans to meet monthly. Cost of this pilot project is \$150,000, shared equally among the participating cities and five Fortune 500 companies.

The team will scan each of the three cities' organizations to identify public services for further analysis, assess which of those services are the most likely

candidates for sharing among jurisdictions, analyze the costs and benefits of integration and identify the steps required to integrate them.

“The ultimate objectives of the project are to save taxpayer money and improve government efficiencies,” said Dickens, “which could also establish a basis for future sharing and improvement of services for citizens.”

ANIMALS

Free spay/neuter is available through Animal Rescue of Tidewater's SpayHR program to dogs and cats residing in the following neighborhoods: Ballentine Place, Bayview, Coleman Place, Colonial Heights, East Fairmount, Estabrook, Fairmount Park, Glenwood Park, Kensington, Lambert's Point, Monticello Village, Northside, Oakdale Farms, ODU Village, Park Place, Pinewell, South Bayview, Villa Heights, and West Ocean View.

Vaccinations, testing, and flea and heartworm preventive are available at reduced rates. Less puppies and kittens being born means less strain on our animal shelter's resources, and ensures more homeless animals have a chance of being adopted. Please encourage your neighbors with pets to take advantage of this program. Visit www.spayhr.org, or call 757-456-1215 for more information.

This project was tested last summer in the Ocean View neighborhood, and in a span of 9 months, 21 clinics were held, and a total of 539 dogs and cats were spayed/neutered at no cost to their owners.

How Do You Participate? It's easy. As long as you can provide proof that you live in the target area (driver's license or utility bill), you just need to make an appointment online or by phone (757-456-1215). After submitting your information, you will receive a callback within 48 hours. We can only take reservations for 2 household pets at any one time, although additional pets can come the day of your appointment for acceptance on a standby basis if someone does not show up.

The surgeries are performed by a licensed veterinarian in a mobile spay/neuter clinic. You drop your pet/s off in the morning, and by mid-afternoon they are ready to go home with you. You will receive instructions on follow-up care, and although the animals are undergoing a surgery, recovery is typically very rapid.

What if My Pets Need Other Veterinary Services? The Norfolk Pet Project will cover the costs to have resident pets spayed or neutered. However, other services are available for a nominal fee if you would like to have other vaccinations administered, your dog tested for heartworms (or prescribed heartworm preventive), your cat tested for FIV and Leukemia, or have your animal de-wormed. Information on prices for these services can be provided when your appointment is scheduled.

NOTE: Additional funding is available for Norfolk dogs and cats not residing in these neighborhoods. Residents of other neighborhoods needing assistance are encouraged to apply.

Norfolk Animal Care Center – has a new Kennel Supervisor starting December 19th. Heather Smith comes to NACC from Busch Gardens where she has been the lead trainer for the park's animal show for the past several years. Heather will be performing the same duties as Dawn Kalinowski. Having two Kennel Supervisors gives us the ability to have a front-line supervisor on duty 7 days a week. If you're in the shelter over the holidays, let us introduce you to Heather.

Norfolk Animal Care Center Volunteers— Volunteers have donated more than 9,721 hours this year.

ARTS

Norfolk Consortium selects programs for funding - This budget year, the major arts and cultural organizations united to form the Norfolk Consortium and were challenged with creatively using funds from the Public Amenities Fund and a \$1 increase in the bed tax to ensure Norfolk is a vibrant and dynamic city through arts and culture. Recently, the Consortium offered financial support to applicants with proposals which could successfully meet these goals:

- Increase guests to Norfolk and its various venues
- Increase opportunities for and participation in educational programs
- Develop and support programming that reflects and embraces the cultural diversity of the city
- Create or attract new events that will increase revenue, attendance and participation
- Identify new opportunities for consortium members to work together collectively
- Earn community support.

Funding was awarded to the following initiatives and programs.

Virginia Arts Festival. The festival has a 15 year track record of increasing out-of-town attendance for its arts festival each spring. Funding was awarded to support the festival's new "Destination, Collaboration and Diversity" initiative. Components include: the first annual Art of Chocolate Festival in March designed to expand tourism to Norfolk; the first Norfolk performance of the world-renowned American Ballet Theater; and opening the Virginia Arts Festival's 16th season with a solo recital by the reigning soprano, Renee Fleming. In addition, the festival will expand its student-based multi-cultural series by bringing two premier African American dance companies – Lula Washington Dance Theater and Ailey II and the Imani Winds – for an extended residency. This will allow for more outreach activities with public school students. In addition, the festival will maintain the pre-eminent status of the Virginia International Tattoo as the premier Tattoo in the U.S.

OpSail 2012 – Consortium support will help organizers provide a four day city-wide transportation system that connects participating hotels to Norfolk attractions (Zoo, Botanical Garden, museums) and to the Norfolk OpSail major destinations.

Chrysler Museum glassmaking studio. Consortium support will enable the museum to bring to Norfolk a group of internationally important glass artists for week-long residencies. During their stays, which have been scheduled to coincide with Virginia Opera and Virginia Arts Festival productions, the artists will create original work and offer public demonstrations.

Crispus Attucks Cultural Center – will use financial support to enhance the 2012 Black Film Festival held in April. Living Learning workshops will be offered by the touring Canon Group to demonstrate the use of new filming equipment. In addition, funds will be used toward marketing and to engage a celebrity honorary speaker.

The Cultural Holiday Travel Package – is a collaboration between many Norfolk arts, cultural, retail and travel partners that combines existing Norfolk offerings, augments them with special activities and incentives, to create a three day/two night mini vacation package in Norfolk. It is designed to bring tourists to Norfolk in December.

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Asha Pandya Recognized as Virginia Gang Investigators Association Volunteer of the Year - Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Asha Pandya was named the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Virginia Gang Investigators Association (VGIA). Pandya was recognized for her dedication to VGIA, often going above and beyond what is asked of her. She has volunteered with VGIA for over five years and has given generously of her own time, money and talent. Pandya has instructed for VGIA over fifty times - many times traveling after work, arriving in the wee hours of the morning, instructing hours later and leaving to return to work.

COURTS

New Norfolk Juvenile Court Service Unit Director Appointed - Valerie Boykin has been named the Norfolk Court Service Unit Director, pending the retirement of Claudette Overton after 36 years, on January 1, 2012. Valerie brings to the position an impressive 31 years of juvenile justice experience. She has previously served as a probation officer in Franklin County, VA; a probation officer and later the Intake Supervisor with Norfolk Court Services approximately 19 years ago; the statewide Parole Services Manager for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice; Deputy Administrator for the Youth Services Administration in Washington D.C; and most recently, a juvenile justice consultant and trainer.

As Director of Norfolk Court Services in Norfolk, Ms. Boykin will be responsible for managing one of the largest court service units in the state with a staff of

approximately 71 providing Intake services along with an array of other services and forms of supervision including probation and parole to over 800 youth.

BEACHES

City Staff and Citizens Work Together To Host a Shoreline Buffer Workshop - Citizen volunteers and staff from several city departments, including the City Attorney's Office, the Department of Recreation Parks and Open Space, the City Manager's Office and the Department of Planning combined resources for a new Shoreline Buffer workshop. City staff provided technical expertise and provided practical advice on wetlands restoration and how neighbors can be environmental stewards of their communities. The volunteers, including members of the Lafayette Wetlands Partnership, helped craft the workshop so that participants can take the information home and apply it in their own backyards.

The new workshop is being developed to help residents learn to care for shoreline buffer areas and will highlight the functions and services provided by these buffers, explain how they are regulated by the City of Norfolk, how to care for buffers and how residents can help the City and community restore buffers. Buffers are especially important for Norfolk because not only do they clean our water, but they can also help with flooding.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development Encourages Small Businesses to take Advantage of Construction Boom

In 2012, construction projects in the area worth more than \$2 billion are slated to begin impacting our local economy. The City of Norfolk's Department of Development urges businesses contracting products and services with the construction industry and other related industries to become SWaM and DBE certified.

SWaM is the acronym for Small, Women- and Minority-owned businesses. SWaM businesses are small organizations with 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years or owned and operated by women and minorities.

The SWaM Procurement Initiative was established to enhance business opportunities for small, women- and minority-owned businesses and to ensure a level playing field for all small businesses in the Commonwealth of Virginia. A SWaM vendor is a business that has been certified by the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise and is listed in the SWaM Vendor Directory. DBE certified businesses are in the transportation sector seeking federally funded contracts from the US Department of Transportation. SWaM and DBE certified business will increase their competitiveness as they seek contracts for the public projects that are slated to begin.

The Elizabeth River Crossings, Slover Memorial Main Library, and Norfolk Consolidated Courts Complex are among the various public projects set to begin construction in 2012. For more information, please visit <http://eepurl.com/hYjI6>.

Economic Development will sponsor the Coastal Energy Cluster Forum on Friday, January 13, 2012 from 11 am to 12 pm at the Half Moone Celebration and Cruise Center, One Waterside Drive next to Nauticus.

The forum will discuss the development of off-shore wind energy and the obstacles the Hampton Roads community may have to overcome in order to become a leader in the wind energy sector. Larry Lombardi, the Business Development Manager-Technology in Economic Development, will serve as the forum's host.

The speaker will be Jerry W. Giles Director of Finance & Managing Director Technology, Energy, & Corporate Services Team, Business Development Group Virginia Economic Development Partnership. For more information, email larry.lombardi@norfolk.gov or call 757-664-4187.

Other programs scheduled to help Norfolk businesses include:

Government Procurement Seminar

January 25, 2012 - 10:00 AM to 12:01 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

Business Counseling - Norfolk

January 25, 2012 - 12:01 PM to 04:00 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

Government Procurement Seminar

February 15, 2012 - 10:00 AM to 12:01 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Feb 15 - Business Counseling

February 15, 2012 - 12:01 PM to 04:00 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

March 7 - GROW SALES SEMINAR - Big event at ODU- 300+ Businesses- State Officials (ie Peter Su, Virginia Secretary of Commerce)

Government Procurement Seminar

March 14, 2012 - 10:00 AM to 12:01 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

Business Counseling - Norfolk

March 14, 2012 - 12:01 PM to 04:00 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

Government Procurement Seminar

April 25, 2012 - 10:00 AM to 12:01 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

Business Counseling - Norfolk

April 25, 2012 - 12:01 PM to 04:00 PM

Mary Pretlow Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Maintaining Your Facilities. Norfolk's Facility Maintenance Division's 80 employees are responsible for building, repairing, and maintaining a huge array of buildings, parks, beaches, and playgrounds. They keep Norfolk, City Government operating 24-hours per day to provide service to residents.

The division responsibility includes about 200 buildings ranging from tiny beach restrooms through recreation centers, libraries, and multiservice centers to the huge City Hall and School Administration Buildings.

It also maintains over 10 parks and playgrounds and 59 school sites. One of the toughest responsibilities is maintaining to Department of Justice Standards. With over 1,000 prisoners in the building at all times, keeping the Jail in excellent condition is challenging.

The Facility Maintenance Division always welcomes citizen comments. If you desire to compliment the Division for a great experience you had, or offer suggestions for improvements, call them at 823-4567. As stewards of \$200 million worth of facilities, they appreciate your comments.

Security Mission. Facility Maintenance secures many vacant buildings until their future disposition can be decided. The most recent addition to our portfolio of vacant buildings is the 7-11 store on the corner of Princess Ann Road and Ballentine Boulevard. The property is to be used as the site for the new KROC Center.

OpSail 2012. On the horizon lies OpSail 2012 Virginia®, one of the largest tall ship and maritime events in history. From June 1-12, 2012 Hampton Roads and the Chesapeake Bay Regions will host an international fleet of naval and tall sailing ships along with spectacular celebrations, historic events, and fun filled festivals. Facility Maintenance is already preparing for this event by making sure that our waterfront facilities are in excellent condition. New decking has been installed at Waterside Marina. New electrical service is being installed at Otter Berth. We installed new banners at the OpSail office to enable ready identification by visitors. The derelict Boathouse building has been removed for safety and visual enhancement.

Emergency Preparedness. Facility Maintenance prepares for potential emergencies. Vital facilities have emergency generators to provide electricity if the power goes out. These generators are run periodically and preventative maintenance performed. Emergency supplies are on hand to repair storm damage. Employees are prepared to professionally respond to any emergency. Additionally, we have three mobile

generators to give us added capacity. A Federal grant provided the funds. Good news in these economic times.

Renovation. The Stanhope house is being renovated for new uses. The building will house women coming out of jail as they transition into the community. The roof has been replaced and asbestos floor tile removed. The complete renovation of the interior will begin soon. Facility Maintenance will be involved in both the renovation and the future maintenance of the building. The City also purchased an adjacent residence and vacant lot which we will be responsible for.

Winterization. Our fountains and park plumbing systems are now winterized to prevent damage from freezing. Facility Maintenance has 112 locations which need to be protected each winter. They include park and beach restrooms, drinking fountains, decorative fountains like Commercial Place seen here, and backflow preventers. Were this not done, we could have hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage during cold weather. We thank our plumbers for this important work.

New Green Projects. Facility Maintenance continues to execute Green Projects to reduce energy use and save money. Four projects are planned for the near future. They are:

Project	Amount	Annual savings
1. School Administration lighting upgrade	\$427,000	\$100,000
2. City Hall Tower lighting upgrade	\$356,800	\$100,000
3. Fire Station #10 lighting & HVAC	\$124,300	\$3,320
4. Norfolk Fitness Center lighting upgrade	\$165,000	\$22,000
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TOTAL :	\$ 1,073,000	\$ 225,320

FLOODING

In early December, City leaders hosted a delegation of senior Army Corps of Engineers personnel and representatives from Norfolk's Congressional Delegation. The meeting is part of the City administration's and City Council's on-going commitment to mitigate flooding in parts of Norfolk.

Following a presentation by representatives from Public Works, the group boarded buses to tour the following areas: Ohio Creek (Corprew Avenue & Park Avenue), The Hague (Mobray Arch), Larchmont, Loch Haven and Glencove, Pretty Lake (Pleasant Avenue and Pretty Lake Drive) and Masons Creek (Granby Street).

As part of its legislative package, the City has asked the General Assembly to fund a study on ways to mitigate flooding.

HOMELESSNESS, OFFICE

Norfolk, Chesapeake and Western Tidewater receive \$3.6 million HUD grant to help continue homeless housing programs - The U.S. Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$1.47 billion in competitive grants to more than 7,100 local homeless programs operating across the country.

All of Norfolk's current Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing Programs were fully renewed through the competition. For the first time, Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Western Tidewater merged their Continuum of Care to create a regional application to HUD under this competition.

The regional award for renewals represents \$3.6 million in federal funds for 2012. These local agencies must provide matching funds to fully implement these grants. The funded agencies must raise the matching funds from local community partners and donors.

The HUD funding is \$62 million more than last year, the most homeless funding ever awarded by the Department. HUD is renewing funding through its *Continuum of Care* programs to existing local programs as quickly as possible to prevent any interruption in federal assistance and will award funds to new projects in early 2012.

The next step is the much more competitive grant process that includes funding for NEW programs. HUD is expected to announce those in early 2012. In that competition Norfolk has an application in to expand its Housing First Program by 10 additional units.

Virginia announces new public-private partnership to reduce homelessness for children and their families - A State and federal initiative will help communities improve the availability of affordable housing for children and their families experiencing homelessness by increasing the provision of rapid re-housing. Rapid re-housing is a proven solution to homelessness for children and their families. It permanently ends homelessness and is often more cost-efficient than current programs.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has partnered with the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness and the National Alliance to End Homelessness for the new initiative aimed at meeting the Governor's goal of reducing homelessness by 15 percent for children and their families in urban, suburban, and rural communities across the Commonwealth. The new initiative, sponsored by the Freddie Mac Foundation, was announced in conjunction with the Governor's Housing Conference. The City of Norfolk will participate through the Office to End Homelessness.

The initiative will aim to replicate the work of other communities from across the nation in using rapid re-housing to reduce homelessness for children and their families. It will build on the experiences of Virginia's communities in delivering rapid re-housing and will specifically focus on identifying and implementing solutions to move children and their families out of emergency shelter and into their own homes.

Sarah Paige Fuller, Director of the City of Norfolk Office to End Homelessness, said, "we are excited about the opportunity to partner and participate in this initiative which will help us enhance our practices in effectively managing our rapid re-housing

activities, It is critical to ensure that our case managers have access to training in best practices and efficient use of resources to benefit homeless families facing dire and vulnerable circumstances."

Fuller also added that, "this is only one part of the solution, and as a community, we will need to work together to find the financial resources needed to fund the rapid re-housing activities, Many public entities and service providers are facing budget shortfalls – and our families are struggling as well - unfortunately resulting in homelessness."

For more information on the initiative, visit <http://www.vceh.org/rapid-re-housing>

HRT – BUSES

HRT begins installation of new bus shelters - Hampton Roads Transit recently began installing new shelters along its busiest bus routes as part of the agency's first-ever bus shelter program.

Under the program, which is funded through a number of transportation grants, HRT will purchase more than 200 new bus shelters over the next two years. These shelters will be spread throughout our six member cities, with Chesapeake receiving 30, Hampton 12, Norfolk 24, Newport News 120, Portsmouth 12 and Virginia Beach 24. The remaining shelters will undergo repairs.

Initially, customers will see shelters installed at the light rail stations with connecting bus service. Those stations include Newtown Road, Military Highway, Ballentine/Broad Creek, NSU, Civic Plaza and EVMC/Fort Norfolk.

The next batch of shelters will be installed by May and the remainder will be installed by 2013. To some, the shelters will look familiar. They are smaller versions of the new light rail stations, complete with white columns, a green roof and glass side panels. Benches, trash cans and, in some cases, lighting.

HOUSING

Landlord Relations Workshop

Thursday, February 16, 2012

9am - 3pm

Workforce Development Center

The Landlord Relations Workshop shares best practices landlords can use to ensure their investments are protected and their properties contribute more effectively to the safety, livability and care of Norfolk's neighborhoods. It is designed to assist landlords, property managers, resident managers, and others who are actively involved in managing rental properties in effective property management that will significantly contribute to safe and decent housing that will improve the health of Norfolk's neighborhoods

For more information and to register online, visit:

http://www.norfolk.gov/communityenrichment/Landlord_Tenant_Resources.asp

Norfolk to hold workshop on how to apply for World Changers home repair program -

World Changers Norfolk is a partnership between the City of Norfolk and a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The program provides exterior home repair opportunities to low and moderate income homeowners at no cost to them. Volunteers come during the summer for one week.

World Changers Workshop

January 25th

1-3PM

Workforce Development Center

201 E. Little Creek Road

World Changers Norfolk projects will include only exterior improvements such as:

- Porch renovations & repairs
- ADA ramps design and construction
- Removal & replacement of rotted/damaged exterior woodwork
- Exterior painting (including foundation systems)
- Exterior door replacements
- Windowpane & trim replacements
- Removal of dated awnings
- Shutter repairs, replacements & painting

Qualifications

In Norfolk, Virginia, the following qualifications must be met to be considered for the program:

- You must own your home and live in it.
- Your household income must meet HUD guidelines of 80% or less of the median household income for your neighborhood.
- If your income is above the stated range but there are other factors which impact your income (major medical bills, for instance) ***you may still qualify.***
- Property taxes and homeowner's insurance must be up-to-date.
- Duplexes will be considered if the owner lives in one side.
- No other multi-unit dwellings will be considered.
- In an effort to assist as many homeowners as possible, persons who have received World Changers' assistance within the last three years (2008-2011) will not be eligible for consideration for the program.
- Special consideration will be given to neighbors located within 3-4 blocks of one another, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied.

MACARTHUR CENTER

MacArthur Foundation receives Tourism Cares Grant - Cultural and Maritime Heritage, and Natural Sites for Preservation and Education

Canton, MA – December 13, 2011 – Tourism Cares, the non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the travel experience for future generations, is awarding the second group of grants in 2011, including a \$60,000 grant to the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in Norfolk. All recipients will receive full matching funds from other organizations.

Therefore a total of \$120,000 will be presented to the organizations for projects in the areas of historic preservation or educational programs to enhance interpretation, at cultural and maritime heritage sites, or natural sites. Tourism Cares is pleased to announce the following second group of 2011 Worldwide Grant recipients:

- American River Conservancy, Coloma, CA
- **General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, Norfolk, VA**
- Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ
- Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, Palm Beach, FL
- Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME
- USS Constitution Museum, Inc., Boston, MA

“Tourism Cares has long been an advocate of preservation, restoration and education of exceptional cultural heritage and natural sites,” said Bruce Beckham, Executive Director of Tourism Cares. “The worthy recipients of the Tourism Cares Worldwide Grants have demonstrated goals that are in line with the Tourism Cares mission.”

The [General Douglas MacArthur Foundation](#), in Norfolk, VA, has as its mission to support the MacArthur Memorial, through educational and leadership programs. This significant cultural heritage site is a primary educational and heritage tourism destination, which brings history alive for future generations. It highlights the sacrifices made by millions of American and Allied troops who served five-star General MacArthur during World War I and II, the occupation of Japan, and the Korean War.

The Tourism Cares Worldwide Grant will help expand and modernize the memorial, and support improvements to interpretive programming. This includes the theater’s multi-media system, an interactive world map, immersive exhibit interpretive panels, and historic cast figures.

The organization seeks to engage its visitors, including schoolchildren, through hands-on, interactive exhibits. Current annual visitation to the site of 50,000 is expected to increase 40% to 70,000 as a result of the project. The project has matching funds from a private donor, and the endorsement of both the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Norfolk.

NEIGHBORS BUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) is a community ownership and investment philosophy centered around creating “neighborhoods of choice” throughout the city of Norfolk. It promotes the importance of neighbors working together to position their neighborhoods as vibrant places in which to live, work, play and invest.

You and your neighbors can get involved through:

- Community Action Plans (CAPS)
- Block-By-Block Neighborhood Pride Grants
- NBN Academy
- Good Neighbors Program
- E-Access Library
- Norfolk Front Porch Neighborhood Summit

For more information about NBN, visit us online or email us at:
CommunityEnrichment@norfolk.gov

Norfolk’s Neighborhood Network

The following new shows are available for download or viewing from
www.norfolk.gov/tv48

Human Services Forum

- Tax time checklist and assistance, Surprising household hazards to watch out for
- National report on homeless and hungry in America impacts Norfolk, Are you eligible for real estate tax relief?

Norfolk Perspectives

- United Way and Norfolk meeting the challenges of growing up, Domestic Violence during the holidays, Norfolk Youth Services rally up to improve the city
- Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association discuss new grant to reach young residents
- Developing our workforce with Economic Development

Norfolk News Now – December, 2011

Art of glassblowing at Chrysler Museum, ODU safety, Top Cop, Free shredding, Small business is booming, Zoo hospital, waterways, Operation Sail, Junior Scientists at Nauticus, Help Card, Playground update, Boathouse demolished, Garden of Lights, Adoption Court

Health Watch

- Ten year anniversary special featuring many special productions and topics related to health and well-being
- Making sense out of holiday depression and how to overcome it

- The heart of family caregivers – 29% of Americans provide care for a family member or friend every year
- Wrapping Infants in a Cocoon of Protection against Pertussis
- What is the Medical Reserve Corps and what does it do?

PLANNING

Elizabeth River Restoration - The Department of Planning and Community Development has been unanimously accepted into the River Star program at the One-star Commitment Level by the Elizabeth River Project's River Restoration Advisory Committee. The Elizabeth River Project's River Stars program was created to recognize and honor businesses, organizations, government facilities, and community groups as "River Stars" for their achievements in pollution prevention and habitat restoration.

The River Restoration Advisory Committee, comprised of River Star peers and technical experts, reviews River Star documentation every fall for entry and advancement in the program. The One-star Commitment Level River Star recognition is attained when a River Star documents achievements in either pollution prevention or wildlife habitat enhancement. The achievements had to be clearly quantified and achieved with meaningful employee involvement and be significant relative to the size and nature of the organization.

Residents Work with the City to Plan Norfolk's Future - On November 21, the Department of Planning and Community Development wrapped up its sixth community meeting to gather input from residents for PlaNorfolk 2030, an update to the City's General Plan. During October and November, the Department held community meetings throughout the city to provide residents and workers an opportunity to map the physical future of Norfolk.

Almost 150 residents participated in the meetings, providing over 300 unique comments. Comments were also received from the online Open City Hall forum, as well as from phone calls, emails and letters. The City has compiled and posted all of the comments on the web at www.norfolk.gov/planning/generalplan.asp.

Kevin R. Du Bois Elected President of the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals

Kevin R. Du Bois, an Environmental Engineer in the Department of Planning, has been elected as the 2011-2012 President of the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals (VAWP). VAWP has approximately 120 members statewide representing the environmental consulting and construction fields, research and education institutions, and local, state, and federal regulators and policy makers.

The organization has been active in establishing a professional wetland delineator certification program in Virginia. VAWP promotes scientifically-based educational programs on wetland ecology and regulation and encourages wetland conservation throughout the Commonwealth.

Du Bois has been with the City of Norfolk Bureau of Environmental Services for 16 years. He currently serves as staff to the Norfolk Wetlands Board and technical advisor to the citizen-based Lafayette Wetlands Partnership.

POLICE

More than 30 Students Participate in Norfolk Police Youth Academy - On November 30, the Norfolk Police Youth Academy graduated a class of more than 30 students from St. Helena. Youth Academies last from 4 to 6 weeks and meet once or twice a week. The classes, facilitated by Norfolk Police Officers, are held year round throughout the City of Norfolk, in various schools, recreation centers, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Each academy curriculum includes education regarding self esteem, peer pressure, gang awareness, and responsibility and feature weekly guest speakers, including professionals such as judges, lawyers, and motivational speakers.

The Youth Academy began as an initiative to encourage a more positive relationship between youth and police. To date, the Norfolk Police Youth Academy has graduated more than 2,000 students since 2006.

In December, the Fairlawn Youth Academy and the Granby Youth Academy held graduations. The next youth academies are expected to begin in the 2012 at Suburban Park Elementary and Willard Elementary.

Crime Prevention Connection – Crime prevention tips from NPD

If you saw someone commit a crime do you think you could accurately describe what they looked like or the vehicle they were driving? Crimes can happen almost in the blink of an eye and sometimes what a witness or victim sees *and remembers* can be crucial in helping us solve the crime. When you call 9-1-1 we'll ask all the pertinent questions, but having an idea ahead of time of what to look for will help us.

Describing A Person

- Basic description – gender, ethnicity, approximate age, height, weight and build.
- Additional personal description – hair style and color, eye color, facial hair, jewelry, tattoos, glasses and anything else that would assist us in separating this person from everyone else.
- Clothing – Head to toe, inside out – type and color; hat, tie, shirts, jackets, pants/shorts, belt, socks and shoes.

Describing A Vehicle

- License plate
- Make (Chevrolet, Toyota, etc.)
- Model (F150, Civic, etc.)
- Style of the vehicle (2-door, pickup truck)
- Color and Anything that stands out about the vehicle such as a bumper sticker, damage, variation in vehicle color, etc.)
- Year (or year range)
- Description of persons in the vehicle

Monthly 2Do List – Who Would Want to Steal My Car? – Thieves may use the stolen vehicle to hide their identity and commit other crimes from the vehicle. They may *strip down* the vehicle by removing certain components to be sold to private persons or unscrupulous repair shops or they may simply steal the vehicle to sell to an unsuspecting person. Regardless, whether you have insurance or not, losing a vehicle can create a real hardship, and in some cases, a financial catastrophe. While there is no foolproof method for protecting your vehicle there are many no-cost or inexpensive steps that can be taken.

- **Lock it up** - An open vehicle is certainly an invitation to thieves.
- **Protect your keys** - Use caution when you share your vehicle's keys with repair shops and parking facilities. A corrupt employee may take the opportunity of having your keys for a few hours to make a second set for themselves.
- **Park in safe areas** - Just as it is important to park in well-lit areas to prevent auto burglary (theft from inside your car), the same applies to the whole car. Thieves don't like to be seen committing their crimes so a highly visible (well-illuminated) area can be a true turn-off.
- **No ignition – no go!** - Some vehicles come with (or you can install) an ignition limiting device that requires a second key or other controller to start the vehicle. Likewise, installing / activating a system that allows the vehicle to be shut down remotely after a theft can also be very effective. Tracking systems available by several different providers can also prove beneficial in tracking your vehicle down once it has been stolen.
- **Spare key?** - a spare key kept in the right location is a good idea. However, many drivers use a stick-on or magnetic spare key holder for attaching to the vehicle. Auto thieves are aware of these containers and might be the first thing they look for.

PUBLIC WORKS

City of Norfolk Project Performance Dashboard – Public Works is providing a visual way to check on the progress of major Capital Improvement Projects on the City's website. The dashboard currently displays progress on the Consolidated Courts complex; southside aquatics center; the passenger rail terminal (Amtrak service to Richmond and beyond); the Zoo Animal Wellness hospital; and the Slover Library. Access the dashboard on the front page of www.norfolk.gov under the Road and Infrastructure link (top left side of front page).

City Rolls Out Response to Snow and Ice Events - The Departments of Public Works and Emergency Operations co-chaired a multi-departmental meeting to review the City's snow and ice removal plan and to clarify roles and responsibilities. The plan, approved by the Director of Public Works and Chief of Police, details the city's response to a typical snow or ice event and procedures for large scale snow or ice events. The City's goal during these events is to first clear arterial roads for emergency vehicles. The City

has assets that will be utilized in response to events including: 20 dump trucks to load plows, 20 plows, 17 chemical spreaders and two salt domes that can hold a pre-mixture of salt and sand. Backhoes and front end loaders may also be used to move snow into the backs of dump trucks as well as clearing narrow areas and parking lots.

62 Waste Management Employees Receive Safe Driver Awards - 62 employees of the Waste Management Division were presented with safe driver awards this week. John Keifer, Norfolk's Director of Public Works, distributed the award certificates to these valued employees whose records represent a cumulative 451 years of accident free driving. Among the recipients was Assistant Superintendent Arthur Riddick, who was awarded the Expert Driver Certificate for 36 years of accident-free driving. During the ceremony, Mr. Keifer stated, "the Department of Public Works is very proud of its safe drivers; it is important to note that the types of vehicles and the City routes they drive are not easy to drive. Additionally, Waste Management drivers have to face the added challenge of backing up and maneuvering in order to collect refuse."

The Safe Driver Award Program is a recognition effort of the National Safety Council and is specifically designed to recognize occupational or at-work safe vehicle operation. Eligible participants include all employees who drive an employer-owned or leased vehicle as part of their regular daily assignment.

Public Works Revamps West Ocean View Avenue - The Department of Public Works is giving a portion of West Ocean View Avenue a much-needed makeover. West Ocean View Avenue between First View Avenue and Mason Creek Road is being resurfaced and deteriorated curbs and sidewalks are being replaced. The project is designed to improve the mobility of motorists and pedestrians as well as improve the area's aesthetics. The project, which began last week, is expected to be completed in late Spring 2012, depending on the weather.

During construction, some lane closures are expected. Information about upcoming lane closures can be found on the Latest News tab on www.norfolk.gov.

Project Notification: Public Works employs a variety of different tactics to notify residents of construction projects that will impact neighborhoods and roads. They use variable message boards to provide advance notice of upcoming projects. Civic leagues are emailed and called regarding projects. Businesses are called and often visited in person by a Project Inspector. All contractors must comply with start times that are governed by City Codes and Ordinances. If, for any reason, contractors are working outside of the normal times, there is active outreach to the impacted community. Upon review, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me.

RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Norfolk will have a new fitness opportunity as the Norview High School track will open for public use. The track will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00

p.m. to allow residents to run and walk.

The opening of the track is a pilot program for future partnerships between Norfolk's Department of Recreation, Parks & Open Space (RPOS) and Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) to share facilities for public use. Future partnerships may also include school gymnasiums and auditoriums to be used for athletic and community events.

Public use of the track is also a key component of Norfolk City Council's priority of establishing safe, healthy and inclusive communities by providing increased spaces for Norfolk citizens to live, learn, work and play.

The track will be staffed by Norfolk RPOS during public use times. Residents utilizing the track must wear flat sole surface shoes. Only water in a non-glass container will be permitted inside the track. Bicycles and scooters are not permitted. Track use will be contingent upon NPS events (scheduled or make-up), which will take priority.

Norview High School is located at 6501 Chesapeake, Boulevard. For more information, contact Norfolk RPOS at (757) 441-2400.

On November 30th a ground-breaking ceremony was held at Ingleside Elementary School. A new 8,400 square foot Gymnasium will soon be under construction. The gym will be operated by RPOS and maintained by Facility Maintenance. The \$1.9 million dollar project is scheduled for completion in early 2013.

Winter Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for Winter 2012 Fee-Based Courses is open.
View all fee-based courses in the Winter 2012 [Good Times](#) magazine.

Sign Up for Youth & Adult Athletic Leagues!

Youth Indoor Soccer

(Ages 5-16)

Registration is open until Friday, January 6, 2012. For more information, call (757) 441-5835.

Coming Soon...

Adult Basketball

(Ages 18 & Up) Registration is open until Friday, January 20, 2012. For more information, call (757) 441-5835

RPOS Employee, Coach Gloria Peek, Interviewed for HLN Television Special - Coach Gloria Peek of the Norfolk Recreation, Parks & Open Space's Team Norfolk Boxing Club will be featured in an upcoming HLN television special highlighting "Breakthrough Women." Coach Peek will be featured in the special for her long history as a female boxing coach. Reporters from HLN, a CNN affiliate network, visited Coach Peek this week at the Barraud Park Boxing Center to interview her about her love of the sport and

how she forged her way to such a successful career as a woman in a male dominated sport.

Peek began coaching the Team Norfolk Boxing Club in 2006. She coaches and trains over 30 youth boxers daily at the Barraud Park Boxing Center and accompanies them to boxing competitions throughout the United States. She was selected as the head coach of the male and female U.S. boxing teams for the 2011 Pan-American Games held this past October in Guadalajara, Mexico. Peek is also currently in the running for a coaching position on the 2012 Olympic Boxing Team. Official coach selections will be announced in February 2012. Peek is one of a handful of women's amateur boxing coaches and the only female coach in the U.S. men's elite boxing league. The HLN special is scheduled to air in January 2012, a specific date has not yet been set.

RECYCLING

Electronics Recycling. Two City facilities now accept used electronics for recycling - Replacing worn or outdated electronics with new gifts? If you are thinking of throwing away your old electronics, give a gift to the environment and recycle them instead!

The City now offers two convenient collection locations for unwanted electronics. Details below:

Division of Waste Management, 1176 Pineridge Road
Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Division of Towing, 1195 Lance Road
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Accepted Recyclable Electronic Items Include:

Holiday light strands
Personal computers and workstations
Mainframes and servers
Laptop computers
Monitors and televisions
Keyboards, printers, copiers and computer peripherals
Consumer electronics and small household appliances including microwaves (no smoke detectors)
Circuit boards and internal circuits
Telephone equipment
Fax machines
Typewriters
Calculators
Power supplies
Switches, circuit breakers, voltage regulators and other electrical equipment
Connectors, cables and wiring

Communications and networking equipment

Cell phones

Audio and visual equipment including cameras, camcorders, stereo equipment, DVD players and VCRs

DVDs, cassette tapes and VCR tapes (with cases, magnetic tape removed)

This service available for Norfolk residents only and proof of residency is required. For a complete list of accepted items, call 441-5813 or visit www.RecycleRightNorfolk.org.

SCHOOLS

School Board approves K-8 plans for Campostella school and entire division - On Wednesday, December 14, the Norfolk School Board voted to develop one school in each of the five high school attendance zones that will serve students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The Board also agreed that the next K-8 facility will be on the Southside of the city, when a replacement building for Campostella Elementary is constructed.

Right now, Norfolk has one K-8 school, Ghent School. Ghent is a citywide magnet school, and demand to attend is very high. There is a PreK-8 school under construction across the city at Crossroads.

Studies in 2007 and 2008 of Norfolk's school facilities recommended that the School Board consider five K-8 facilities, so that families in each high school attendance zone would have an opportunity to choose between a K-8 or a traditional middle school.

After much discussion about the benefits to students and families, the Board decided December 14 that it would be appropriate to offer parents in each high school attendance zone a K-8 school as an option for their children. The Board also decided that Campostella will be the site for a new K-8 for the Lake Taylor High School zone. Campostella currently serves pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Board's decisions were an outgrowth of discussions from earlier this year, when the Board adopted a set of construction priorities for Norfolk Public Schools. The top two priorities were a new school for the Broad Creek section and a replacement school for Campostella Elementary, followed by renovations or replacements for Ocean View and Larchmont elementary.

The School Board plans to deliver to the City Council an estimated cost and construction schedule for the first two facilities soon.

School Board members hope the Broad Creek and Campostella schools can be built concurrently, with the design phase starting in early 2012. Public input will be sought for the designs of both facilities.

Designing a school takes about a year, and construction takes about two years.

The Board is weighing options and surveying parents about the relocation possibilities for the Campostella students, because the site is not big enough to keep the students in the old building while a new one is constructed.

SHERIFF

The glut of U.S. home foreclosures and a still ailing economy have pushed evictions in Norfolk to another record level for the NSO. Days before 2011 officially comes to a close, Civil Process Deputies will have placed just shy of 6,000 eviction notices on homes and apartments throughout the city. More than half of those notices (3,147 as of December 28th) resulted in actual evictions. That's an increase of nearly 200 evictions from the previous year and nearly 340 evictions more than what deputies executed in 2009.

Civil Process Deputy Named VFW Deputy of the Year!

Master Deputy Michael Lemke has been named the VFW Tidewater Post 4809 Deputy of the Year. Lemke, a 15 year veteran of the NSO, considered an "exceptional deputy" by his supervisors, was nominated following an incident when he demonstrated "excellent judgment and compassion toward a senior citizen during the performance of his duties." Lemke was scheduled to execute an eviction on the elderly man's residence when he was met at an elevator by the senior who was wielding a tire iron. Lemke persuaded the man to give him the tool and quickly discerned that the senior was probably suffering from dementia. He contacted Adult Protective Services and APS confirmed the man was in need of protective services. Lemke received praised from APS for contacting them about the man. Lemke will be officially honored in March by the VFW.

Scholarship Applications from the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute will be available any time after January 31. Full or part-time students majoring in criminal justice and attending a Virginia state college or university are eligible to apply for the scholarship program. In addition to completing the application, students must submit SAT scores, transcripts and an essay. Applications will be available at: <http://vasheriffsinstitute.org/scholarship> or from the Norfolk Sheriff's Office.

The Scholarship Committee last year awarded 64 scholarships.

The Norfolk Sheriff's Office recently completed its second reaccreditation process with the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) and while the NSO awaits official word of reaccreditation, we were informed by the team of assessors that "we passed" with flying colors. The assessors examined four years worth of files for the NSO's Administration, Operations, Training and Personnel divisions. VLEPSC looks at 187 different standards before issuing reaccreditation. Before the team left, the NSO was informed of the good

SISTER CITIES

Norfolk expresses sympathy to Sister City in the Philippines; Association plans fundraiser - Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim "As Norfolk's 7th Sister City we share a special

bond with the residents of Cagayan de Oro. We are devastated to hear about the loss of lives and property and stand ready to offer support on Cagayan de Oro's road to recovery," says Norfolk Mayor Paul D. Fraim. Flash flooding in late 2011 killed hundreds and left tens of thousands without homes.

"This is tragic. We've done medical missions in Iligan and Cagayan de Oro thru Physicians for Peace. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with them. Now we have a Sister City in dire need of help," said Dr. Juan Montero, founding Chairman of the NSCA Cagayan de Oro Sister City Committee.

Dr. Rise Faith Dajao, current Chairman of the NSCA Cagayan de Oro Committee and her colleagues are meeting to determine how Norfolk Sister Cities will support their brothers and sisters in this time of need. A fundraising event is likely to be held in January, but details are still in the planning stages.

Those who would like to contribute to the Cagayan de Oro relief efforts, should contact NSCA through the "contact us link" on the Norfolk Sister Cities website: www.norfolksistercities.org The Association will respond to contacts as plans are confirmed.

NSCA aided in the relief efforts for Japan earlier this year by partnering with their Sister City of Kitakyushu, Japan. While Kitakyushu was not directly hit by the devastation, City efforts there continue to support relief to those affected by the disaster.

TOURISM

VisitNorfolk Wins Bronze Adrian Award

The Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International (HSMAI) will honor VisitNorfolk with a Bronze Adrian Award for public relations excellence for its winning entry in the 55th annual Adrian Awards, the largest and most prestigious travel marketing competition globally. This year's contest attracted nearly 1,000 entries from around the world, with entries judged by top executives from all sectors of the industry.

The award recognizes VisitNorfolk for its efforts to reposition Norfolk, VA as a city with a diverse array of offerings, such as a thriving culinary scene and a charming downtown area. The campaign involved the development of an in-depth itinerary to showcase the city's finest activities, cuisine and art, highlighting Norfolk as a value-driven seaport destination for visitors of all ages.

TECHNOLOGY

Norfolk Air Goes Mobile, Access property information and data on your Smartphone

Norfolk's Address Information Resource (Air) is now available on your Smartphone. The application allows Blackberry, iPhone, Android and users of small 7" tablets to access property information and data on the go!

Unlike the web version of Norfolk AIR this version does not include any maps or aerial photography. The regular Norfolk AIR website will automatically determine the screen size of your device. So if you use a computer/laptop or full sized tablet such as an iPad it will send you to the regular web version of Norfolk AIR, but if you are using a Smartphone or a smaller 7" tablet it will automatically go to Norfolk AIR Mobile.

Here is how it works:

- Go to <http://norfolkair.norfolk.gov/norfolkair> using the web browser on your mobile device.
- Enter an address. You do not need to type in the full address, but you at least the house number followed by a space.
 - If you type **478 and a space** you will get all addresses that have 478 as the building number. (4 properties should be listed.)
 - You can also enter a house number and a portion of the street name. For example: **359 C** will automatically take you to 359 Cherry Street since that is the only address that matches the search criteria.
- To initiate the search you will need to either use the Enter key, or Go key depending on your device. You can also click on the arrow icon to the right of the input box.
- Click on the menu bar to see information about a property. (The Real Estate Data bar has several sub menus)
- Use the back button on your device to get to a previous screen, or click on the **Home** button in the upper right to get back to the main search screen.
- An address that is a condominium will list all the units. For example **123 College Place** will give you a list and you can click the **View** link on the left to see the details about a single unit. The list can be sorted by clicking on any of the column headings.
- Functions like rotating your device for landscape view and zooming in on a page using the two-finger pinch are supported.

This new application is an example of the City's commitment ensuring all Norfolk residents receive access to important information.

YOUTH

Annual Youth Forum & Rally, Grades 7-12 - Discuss city-wide, community, neighborhood and school concerns. Brainstorm strategies to improve existing youth activities and programs and suggest new ideas. Let your voice be heard! You can make a difference in your community!

Norview Community Center,

Saturday, February 4th, 10:00a.m., Pre-register by Friday, January 27th to receive an extra gift incentive!

For more information, call the Youth Services Division at
(757) 441-2400 ext. 223

<http://www.norfolk.gov/rpos/pdf/youthrally2012.pdf>

UTILITIES

Fat disposal tips from the Department of Utilities

1. Can the Grease - Pour used cooking grease into an empty, heat safe container, such as a soup can, and store it in the freezer. Re-use the oil for up to six months, or once solidified, toss the can into the garbage.

2. Scrape Your Plate - Wipe all pots, pans, dishes, and cooking utensils with a paper towel prior to washing to absorb the grease.

3. Catch the Scraps - Eliminate using the garbage disposal. Catch food scraps in your sink with a basket or strainer and toss them into the trash.

If you have a deep-fat or large turkey fryer, you should properly recycle or dispose of large quantities of household fats, oils or grease accumulated from cooking, frying, and general food preparation. Norfolk residents can dispose of used cooking oil at the SPSA Household Hazardous Waste collection site located at 3136 Woodland Avenue. The facility is *open on the first Saturday and fourth Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

For more information on ways to keep your drains fat free, visit
<http://askhrgreen.org/fats-oils-grease-disposal/> or www.norfolk.com/utilities.

City of Norfolk
Flood Reduction Program

Utilities Maintains and Flushes Fire Hydrants to Assure That Water Is There When Needed

- A well-maintained fire hydrant is vital to make sure that firefighters and Utilities customers have a plentiful supply of water when it's needed. With more than 5,300 hydrants located throughout the City, the Department of Utilities' Hydrant Maintenance Crews stay busy year-around as they inspect, maintain and flush these important components of neighborhood safety.

Throughout the year, the crews go from neighborhood to neighborhood to check and maintain hydrants. Crews inspect the overall condition of the hydrant, exercise the valves and make sure there's adequate pressure for firefighting. The top of the hydrants are color-coded for the amount of pressure available for firefighting and can range from 500 to over 1,000 gallons per minute. Most of Norfolk's hydrants are spaced about

1,000 feet apart so that firefighters can reach the fire with the amount of hose they carry on their equipment.

37th Street Water Treatment Plant Undergoes Makeover - Norfolk's 37th Street Water Treatment Plant is undergoing an \$8.5 Million renovation to improve and upgrade the 90 year old facility that provides treated water for the western portion of the City and Norfolk Naval Station.

Built in 1921 and located next to Old Dominion University, the 37th Street Plant's latest upgrades include new state of the art equipment to filter and treat water received from reservoirs, wells and rivers located in Suffolk and Isle of Wight County. Efficiency improvements are also being made to the emergency power generators and automated systems that operate the plant.

Over its many years of operation, the plant has gone through a series of technological improvements. When the current upgrades are completed this Spring, the plant will operate with greater efficiency to reduce energy use and meet all state and federal standards for public drinking water.

The 37th Street Water Treatment Plant operates in concert with the City's Moore's Bridges Plant on Kempsville Road next to Lake Taylor High School. Together, both plants provide approximately 64 million gallons of top quality drinking water daily to over 850,000 customers in Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake.

VISIT NORFOLK

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THINGS TO SEE AND DO

January 15, 2012 at <http://www.secondcalvary.org/>

"SONGS FOR A DREAMER"

The Virginia Symphony Orchestra presents A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The City of Norfolk and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra present a VSO HARMONY Project Community Concert, "Songs for a Dreamer: A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." This free concert will feature music either inspired by the African-American experience or written by African-American composers. Among the pieces featured on the program will be "Fanfare on Amazing Grace," by Adolphus Hailstork, a nationally and internationally renowned local composer, who will be the recipient of the VSO's first "Dreamer Award"; the Martin Luther King section of Duke Ellington's "Three Black Kings," featuring saxophonist, Stephanie Sanders; and "Mother and Child," the second movement of "Suite for Violin and Orchestra" by George Walker, featuring Brendon Elliott on violin. Benjamin Rous will conduct the orchestra with Norfolk State University's Jazz Ensemble, performing Moses Hogan's "His Light Still Shines."

The concert will take place on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Second Calvary Baptist Church, 2940 Corprew Avenue, Norfolk, VA. For information, contact the VSO Education and Community Engagement office at 757-213-1421 and the City of Norfolk at 664-4253.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

DON'T MISS FEBRUARY FUN MONTH!

- \$5/per person admission for the entire month
- Ride your bike in the Garden from 9am-5pm daily
- More bike-related classes and events to be announced

For calendar of events and classes www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

HURRAH PLAYERS

What: Once on this Island

About: This highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale The Little Mermaid garnered eight Tony nominations for its Broadway run, including Best Musical, Book and Score. In almost non-stop song and dance, the show tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island.

Friday February 17 @ 7pm

Saturday February 18 @ 3pm & 7pm

Sunday February 19 @ 3pm

Cost: Children \$15 Adults \$20

Where: The Perry Family Theatre * 485 St. Paul's Blvd. Downtown Norfolk

Contact: Tickets on sale now! 757-627-5437 www.hurrahplayers.com

Willy Wonka

Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in this new stage adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. A scrumdilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth. In a troubled world looking for escape, let Willy Wonka take you on a fantasy ride into the land of pure imagination!

When: Friday March 9 @ 7pm

Saturday March 10 @ 3pm

Sunday March 11 @ 3pm

Cost: Children \$15 - \$20 Adults \$20 - \$25

Where: TCC Roper Performing Arts Center * 340 Granby St. Norfolk VA 23510

Contact: Tickets on sale now! 757-627-5437 www.hurrahplayers.com

LIBRARIES

Norfolk Public Library Celebrates African American History Month: February 2012

Norfolk Public Library celebrates cultural months to promote learning, and to increase understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. For an **African American History Month Bibliography** featuring books, DVDs and other informative resources about African American history and culture, and for program updates, go online to www.npl.lib.va.us, or visit your preferred NPL location.

Events for are brought to you by the Norfolk Public Library Multicultural Committee. To make suggestions for future celebrations, go to npl.comments@norfolk.gov.

OrisiRisi African Folklore

OrisiRisi Performing Arts Company is comprised of Don and Tutu Harrell. The Harrells have received worldwide acclaim for their unique African-rooted performances, which blend folklore, music and education. **(Family)**

Saturday, Feb. 4 @ 2 PM

Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 441-5660

Tuesday, Feb. 7 @ 5:45 PM

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Saturday, Feb. 11 @ 2 PM

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

The Elliott Family String Quartet

A powerful display of musicianship; this talented ensemble performs a range of music, from contemporary selections to the classics. An event the entire family will enjoy!

(Family)

Saturday, Feb. 4 @ 2 PM

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Wednesday, Feb. 15 @ 4 PM

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Thursday, Feb. 16 @ 6 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Listen to the Drumbeat Lecture and Exhibit

Curator Therbia Parker, Sr., presents a lecture about African American history and an artifacts exhibit that spans from the antebellum South to the days of Jim Crow. **(Family)**

Thursday, Feb. 9 @ 5 PM

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Saturday, Feb. 18 @ 2 PM

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

Friday, Feb. 24 @ 2:30 PM

Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504 (757) 441-2843

Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 1 PM

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

African American History Month Weekend Program Series @ Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library

111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750

The Culture and History of African American Women: presented by Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750

Sunday, February 5 @ 2 - 4 PM

Dr. Newby Alexander is the second African American to receive a doctorate degree in history from the College of William and Mary. She will present an informative and educational program about notable black Women! **(Adult)**

Tracing Your African American Ancestry with the Sargeant Memorial Collection (SMC) Staff

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750

Saturday, February 11 @ 2 - 4 PM

Want to trace your family's African American ancestry? SMC staff will point you in the right direction. Learn where to start and get tips on using the various print and digital resources that are available to help you with your research. **(Adult)**

The History of the New Journal & Guide - The Oldest African American Newspaper in Virginia

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750

Saturday, February 12 @ 2 - 4 PM

Virginia's oldest black weekly newspaper - The New Journal and Guide, has contributed to the Norfolk story for the past 111 years. Publisher Brenda H. Andrews will talk about the 21st century New Journal and Guide and its historical contributions. **(Adults)**

ABRW Studios presents: Black History through Their Eyes - a Musical

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750

Saturday, February 25 @ 2 - 4 PM

Locally owned ABRW Studios presents an original musical, "Black History through Their Eyes," by Selena Cuffee. The story recounts the lives of three pivotal figures in the struggle to end slavery: Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. **(Family)**

African American History Month Branch Events:

Black Women in American History and Culture Branch Display

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

February 1 - 29 @ 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

This month-long display will trace the progression of black women from the 1600s to today. **(All Ages)**

African American Book Display

Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504 (757) 441-2843

February 1 - 29 @ 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Take time to review our book display covering a range of topics in honor of Black History Month. **(All Ages)**

Criss-Cross Applesauce African Adventure

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM (Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23)

As drums beat and lions roar, a storyteller will weave stories out of books by well-known African American authors. Children will love these ageless stories! **(Preschool & Family)**

African Beading

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Thursday, February 2 @ 4:00 PM

Listen to African music while making your own beautiful African-inspired jewelry!
(School Age & Teens)

Where the River Flows

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

Saturday, February 4 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Griot and master storyteller Mendel Denise Service presents Where the River Flows, a colorful performance of African, Caribbean and American folklore, fables and parables. This educational and engaging celebration of our roots, culture, and heritage comes complete with a set, audience participation, music, and costumes that represent the African Diaspora. **(Family)**

African Folktales by Eunice Jones

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Tuesday, February 7 @ 10:00 AM

Storyteller Eunice Jones will enchant you with her tales and folklore. **(Family)**

American Girl Book Club

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Thursday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM

Read about our featured American Girl Addy, and enjoy discussions, crafts, and a snack!
(School Age)

Teen Movement Thursday: TV Throwback Special

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Thursday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM

This Teen Movement Thursday, we're showing episodes of classic TV comedy shows that have made history. They are guaranteed to have you laughing out of your seat!
(Tweens & Teens)

African American History Month Movie

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Thursday, February 9 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

We will be watching Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family in celebration of African American History Month. Rated PG-13, 105 minutes, Lionsgate®. **(Adults)**

TQ's Dance XpoZay

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

Saturday, Feb. 11 @ 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Dance instructor and performer TQ shares her talent by offering free lessons at HCD. TQ exhibits her work in the Teen Culture Fest, community programs, and in a variety of school performances. Different dance techniques will be taught. Dress comfortably and prepare to learn some new dance steps! **(School Age & Teens)**

Chariots of Fire: Faze 2

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

Saturday, February 11 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Chariots of Fire: Faze 2, led by Ruverta Holmes, extols the legacy, history and beauty of African American culture through its mime and praise dance performance. **(Family)**

African-American Heritage: Freedom Quilts

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Saturday, February 11 @ 2:00 PM

African American slaves had many secret ways of communicating with each other. Quilts were used to lead the way to freedom. Learn about these quilts and create a freedom quilt square. **(Family)**

Urban Fiction Book Club - Sistahs with Sass

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Saturdays, Feb. 18 @ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Enjoy refreshments and discuss popular urban fiction authors. Call or email Cathy to join: cathy.peterson@norfolk.gov. **(Adults)**

Through the Eyes of Black History

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

Saturday, February 18 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

ABRW Studios presents an original musical, Black History through Their Eyes, by Selena Cuffee. It recounts the lives of three pivotal figures in the struggle to end slavery: Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. **(All Ages)**

African-American Scarf

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Tuesday, February 21 @ 4:00 PM

Learn how to crochet a scarf using the colors of Africa! **(Family)**

Preschool Storytime: African-American Heritage

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Thursday, February 23 @ 10:30 AM

Celebrate *African-American Heritage* with stories and fun! **(Preschool)**

Kente Dolls

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Thursday, February 23 @ 4:00

Design your own hand-made doll from head to toe; dress, hair, and all! **(School Age & Tweens)**

Relive African American Inventors

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Thursday, February 23 @ 5:00 PM

The actors and actresses of the Green Room Players will present stories of African American inventors and entrepreneurs who created many of the products still in use today. With depictions of Madame C.J. Walker, George Washington Carver, and George Crum to name a few, you will be taken on an adventurous journey through history. **(Family)**

Loving Your “Naptural” Beauty

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

Saturday, February 25 @ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Join us as we embrace African American hair. Come and listen as we talk about our transitional journeys from perm to natural. You are also invited to bring a product to swap and trade. There will be demonstrations and a question and answer session. Guest speaker will be Marsha Butler, founder of Hampton Roads Napturals. **(Adults)**

Community Empowerment: How Berkley Got Its Pool & African American Civil War Artifacts

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

Saturday, February 25 @ 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

In this two-part program, the Berkley Historical Society in Norfolk presents a moving reenactment of how the Berkley community got a swimming Pool. Following, Mr. Therbia Parker, curator, will give a presentation of artifacts spanning the days from the antebellum South to the Jim Crow era.

(Adults)

Gospel Concert

Lamberts Point Recreation Center

1251 W. 42nd Street, Norfolk, VA 23508

Saturday, February 25 @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Listen to songs of hope, inspiration and joy by the Butts Family, The Preachers, Gospel Chandlers and others. Hosted by the Norfolk Public Library's Blyden Branch. **(All Ages)**

Norfolk Public Library Winter Reading Program: February 1 - March 2, 2012

February is “I Love to Read” Month!

The Winter Reading Program is for children from birth through first grade. The goal is to instill a love of reading in young children by having parents read to them. Materials are available at all NPL locations to help encourage reading and language development. Participants receive a bookmark, reading log, and stickers. Get a certificate and a FREE book after completing the program!

Valentine's Day:

Van Wyck Valentines

Thursday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Make a Valentine for that special someone or just because. **(All Ages)**

Valentine's Day Origami & the Victorian Language of Flowers

Thursday, February 9 @ 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Blyden Branch Library, 879 E. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23504, (757) 441-2852

Make origami flowers and hearts and learn about the Victorian language of flowers!

Every flower has a special meaning. For second graders and up and their parents.

(School Age & Teen)

Contact: Amanda Douthit 757-441-2852

Edible Valentine's Day Craft

Tuesday, February 14 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Come make an edible Valentine's Day craft at the library! **(Family)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Branch Events:

Canned Food Drive

February 1 – 29 @ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

February is Canned Food Month! Help support the Food Bank of VA. **(All Ages)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Winter Reading Program 2012 Sign-up

Saturday, February 4 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 441-5660

Join the Winter Reading Program and get bookmarks, a reading log and stickers. Upon completion of the program each participant will receive a certificate and a free book!

(Birth to First Grade)

Contact: Barbara Riddick 757-441-5660 barbara.riddick@norfolk.gov

Kool Smiles

Thursday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Learn about the importance of good oral hygiene! **(School Age & Tweens)**

Contact: Lisa Munson 757-441-5806 lisa.munson@norfolk.gov

Friendship Day at Lafayette

Thursday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

February is International Friendship Month! Grab a buddy and head into the library to create beautiful friendship bracelets. **(School Age)**

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Parent Wellness Workshop

Saturday, February 11; March 10 & April 14 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Hosted by the ODU CSI Omega Delta Honor Society, an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. **(Adults)**

February 18: *Anger Management*

March 17: *How to Handle Sibling Rivalry*

April 21: *Grief and Loss*

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Faces of Our Presidents

Thursday, February 16 @ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Celebrate Presidents Day by creating a Presidential mask to honor your favorite President! **(School Age & Teens)**

Winterfest @ Van Wyck

Saturday, February 25 @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Check out our library for the first time or reacquaint yourself with our branch at our second annual Winter Open House. Activities and refreshments for all ages. **(Family)**

Ongoing Programs:

PreK SmARTies

Wednesdays @ 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Stories and ART for your rising kindergartner. **(Preschool & School Age)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Computer Tutoring

Fridays @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27)

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Get basic one-on-one tutoring in how to use a mouse, set up an email account, and type a document in MicroSoft Word. Registration is not required but is recommended.

Contact: Lois Moss-Smith 757-441-5806 lois.moss@norfolk.gov

Homework Help Nights

Tuesdays @ 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 6, 13, 20 & 27; April 3, 17 & 24)

Wednesdays @ 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 22 & 28; April 4, 18 & 25)

Thursdays @ 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 8, 15, 23 & 29; April 5, 19 & 26)

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

We can provide help in all subject areas and can assist with big projects, too! Students of all ages welcome.

Contact: Tawarrana Wynne 441-1968

Lego Club

Friday, February 10 & 24; March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27 @ 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 757-441-5335

Bring your friends to a Lego party! All creations will be put on display. **(Family)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Make It and Take It

Friday, February 17; March 16 & April 20 @ 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Show your artistic side and make a craft on the 3rd Friday of the month. **(Preschool & School Age)**

Contact: Carol Aubut 441-1751 carol.aubut@norfolk.gov

It's All About You - Memoir Writing Workshop

Friday, February 24; March 30; April 27 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Tell your own story and share your writing with others! Sponsored by ODU's Writers in Community. **(Adults)**

Stories and Breakfast with Daddy

Saturday, February 25; March 31 & April 28 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Spend a special Saturday with dad; have a yummy breakfast treat, share a story and do a craft. **(Family)**

Book Clubs @ Norfolk Public Library:

What could be better than reading a good book? Discussing it with like-minded people! NPL has book clubs for a variety of ages and interests. Find one that suits you and join today!

Lit & Chips

Thursday, February 2; March 1 & April 5 @ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Discuss a book chosen by our members and feast on a delicious dish inspired by the story! **(Adults)**

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Boys' Night Out

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (February 2; March 1 & April 5)

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch ~ 111 W. Ocean View Avenue ~ 441-1750

We'll meet the first Thursday of every month. Books will include modern action, adventure, and mysteries and will be selected by the members of the club. Limited to a maximum of 10 adult males. Contact Jim Bagby at 441-1750, ext. 305. **(Adults)**

Contact: James Bagby 757-441-1750 ext 305 jbagby@norfolk.gov

Book Babble @ Van Wyck

Saturday, February 4; March 3; April 7 @ 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Chat about the latest and greatest books you've read. **(Adults)**

February: Harlem Renaissance to Urban Fiction

March: Romance

April: Poetry

Magic Tree House Book Club

Tuesday, February 7; March 6 & April 3 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Come prepared to discuss the designated book in the series and we'll go on an adventure with Jack and Annie! **(School Age)**

February 7: *Polar Bears Past Bedtime*: #12. Visit the frozen Arctic!

March 6: *Mummies in the Morning*: #3. An adventure in Ancient Egypt!

April 3: *Earthquake in the Early Morning*: #24. Go back in time to California in 1906.

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Little Creek Reads Book Club

Thursday, February 9; March 8 & April 12 @ 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Join Peggy Hagel for lively book talks! Call for book titles. **(Adults)**

American Girl Book Club

Thursday, February 9; March 8 & April 12 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM .

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Read as many books as you like about the featured American Girl before the meeting. We will discuss her family and life, do a craft and enjoy a snack! **(School Age)**

February 9: This month's girl is *Addy Walker*.

March 8: *Cecile and Marie-Grace*, two girls living in New Orleans.

April 12: Samantha's friend, *Nellie*.

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Larchmont Library Book Discussion Club

Friday, February 17; March 16 & April 20 @ 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Join us the third Friday of each month! We'll have activities for the kids and snacks for everyone. Book titles will be announced online and in the branch. **(Adults)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Read and Munch Book Club

Tuesday, February 21; March 20; April 17 @ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Each month we will be discussing a different selection each month over lunch. Bring a sandwich and we will provide dessert! **(Adults)**

Contact: Allison Herman 441-2842

Urban Fiction Book Club / Sistahs with Sass

Saturday, February 18; March 17 & April 21 @ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Read popular urban fiction authors like Eric Jerome Dickey, Kimberla Lawson Roy and more. Contact Cathy Peterson at 441-1751 or cathy.peterson@norfolk.gov to join.

(Adults)

Magic Tree House Book Club

Thursday, February 23; March 29; April 26 @ 4:00 PM

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Join the Magic Tree House Book Club and go on an adventure through time and all over the world! **(School Age)**

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Urban Fiction Book Club

Friday, February 24; March 30; April 27 @ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Discuss current trends in urban literature. New members are always welcome! **(Adults)**

Contact: Shenita Howard 757-441-5806 shenita.howard@norfolk.gov

Early Release Day Activities:

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Thursday, February 16 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Play the Wii, watch a movie, or get crafty! **(School Age & Tweens)**

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Thursday, February 16 @ 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Catch a movie before heading home! Movie titles will be online a week before. **(All Ages)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Thursday, February 16 @ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

A different activity each month! **(Preschool & School Age)**

Contact: Carol Aubut 441-1751 carol.aubut@norfolk.gov

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Thursday, February 16 @ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

(School Age & Teens)

February 16: Presidential Masks

Wii Play and Games

Games & Gaming

Fridays @ 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (February 3, 10, 17 & 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; April 6, 13, 20 & 27)

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Play our Wii or board game or bring your own game to share!

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Wii Shall Have Fun!

Saturday, February 4 @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Bring your own control, if you like. **(Family)**

Contact: Carolyn Miller 441-1968

Tweens & Teens Gaming Extravaganza

Tuesdays @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 13, 20 & 27; April 3, 10, 17 & 24)

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Nintendo Wii and board games, too! **(Tweens & Teens)**

Scrabble Night Challenge

Tuesday, February 7; March 6; April 3 @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

(School Age & Teen)

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Word Play @ Van Wyck

Saturday, February 11, March 10 & April 14 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Scrabble games provided, or bring your own! **(All Ages)**

Video Game Night

Tuesday, February 14; March 13 & April 10 @ 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Check online or call for titles or to give suggestions. **(Tweens & Teens)**

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Wii-Fun for Tweens and Teens

Thursday, February 16; March 15; April 19 @ 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 441-5660

Contact: Barbara Riddick 757-441-5660 barbara.riddick@norfolk.gov

Wii Game Night for Teens & Tweens

Tuesday, February 29; March 29 & April 26 @ 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751
Contact: Carol Aubut 441-1751 carol.aubut@norfolk.gov

Movies @ Your Library!

Check online @ www.npl.lib.va.us or call the branch for movie information.

Teen Movie Matinee

Thursday, February 16, March 15 & April 19 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Early Release Movie Time

Thursday, February 16; March 15 & April 19 @ 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Family Movie Matinee

Thursday, February 16; March 15 & April 19 @ 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842
Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Tweens & Teens Movie Night

Tuesday, February 21; March 20; & April 17 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335
Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Silver Screen Fridays

Fridays, February 24; March 30 & April 27 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751
(Adults)

Saturday Afternoon Family Cinema

Saturday, February 25; March 31; April 28 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Free Family Film Night

Tuesday, February 28; March 27 & April 24 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335
Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Early Literacy Programs:

Babygarten

Come join Babygarten, a fun, exciting, and rhythmic program for infants (ages birth to 24 months) and their caregivers. Babygarten builds vocabulary, develops phonological awareness and print motivation, encourages narrative skills and increases letter knowledge. It enriches a child's life from the very beginning and provides them with an excellent foundation for the future. Registration is not required. **(Babies & Toddlers)**

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Thursdays @ 11 AM (February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 12, 19 & 26)

Contact: Lisa Munson 757-441-5806 lisa.munson@norfolk.gov

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28)

Contact: Carolyn Miller 441-1968

Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 441-5660
Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Wednesdays @ 4:30 PM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504 (757) 441-2843

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM (February 2, 9, 16, & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 5, 12, 19 & 26)

Contact: Melissa Bristel 757-441-2843

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Tuesdays @ 4:30 PM (February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 6, 13, 20 & 27; April 3, 10, 17 & 24)

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28, April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Wednesdays @ 4:30 PM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM (February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 5, 12, 19 & 26)

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM (February 1, 8, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 11, 18 & 25)

Contact: Carol Aubut 441-1751 carol.aubut@norfolk.gov

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

(757) 441-1750

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Wednesdays @ 11 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM (February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 5, 12, 19 & 26)

Preschool Storytime

Storytimes are offered by the Norfolk Public Library in order to provide early literacy skills to children and to encourage them to become lifelong readers! Groups of ten or more are asked to please contact the branch prior to attending.

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Tuesdays @ 11:30 AM (February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24)

Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504 (757) 441-2843

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25)

Park Place Branch Library, 620 W. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 664-7330

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 28; April 4, 18, 25)

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Wednesdays @ 11:00 AM (January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 18, 25)

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844
Wednesdays @ 4:00 PM (February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25)

Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751
Thursdays @ 10:30 AM (February 2, 9, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 12, 19, 26)

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750
Thursdays @ 10:30 AM (January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26)

Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 441-5660
Thursdays @ 11:00 AM (February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26)

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335
Thursdays @ 11:30 AM (February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26)

Tales to Tails

Dogs love books too! NPL invites school-aged children to practice their reading skills by sharing stories with our book-loving therapy dogs. Registration and parental consent is required. **(School Age)**

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806
1st Saturdays @ 2:00 PM (February 4; March 3 & April 7)

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard; Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335
4th Saturdays @ 11:00 AM (February 25; March 24 & April 28)

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 (757) 441-1750
2nd Sundays @ 2:00 PM (February 12; & March 11)

Toddler Time

Is your child too old for Babygarten but not quite ready for Preschool Storytime? Then this is the program for you! Toddler Time is perfectly crafted for your two-to-three-year-old, and combines three elements toddlers love: stories, playing and singing! Registration is not required. **(Toddlers)**

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 6 & 13)

Contact: Lisa Munson 757-441-5806 lisa.munson@norfolk.gov

Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (February 2, 9, 16, & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 5, 12, 19 & 26)

Contact: Megan Mulvey 441-2842 megan.mulvey@norfolk.gov

Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 13, 20 & 27, April 3, 10, 17 & 24)

Contact: Jennifer Gibson (757) 441-5335 jennifer.gibson@norfolk.gov

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503

(757) 441-1750

Mondays @ 10:30 AM - 1:30 AM (February 6, 13 & 27; March 5, 12, 19 & 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30)

Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517 (757) 441-2844

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25)

1-2-3 Grow with Me

1-2-3 Grow With Me is a playgroup and fun-filled program for kids and parents. Each 60-90 minute program features free play, an art activity, circle time and great resources for parents. Toys featured include trucks, cars, puzzles, blocks, musical instruments and more! Registration is required. **(Toddlers)**

Barron F. Black Branch Library, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 441-5806

Saturday, February 4 @ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 (757) 441-1968

Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25; @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2012 Norfolk Historical Calendar

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OpSail 2012 Virginia™ 1812 Bicentennial Speaker Series

Hosts Dr. Spencer C. Tucker and David Healey to Norfolk on January 19, 2012

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA – (January 4, 2012) – Two noted authors, both well-respected authorities on military and naval history in and around Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay, are the featured speakers in the second of a six-part OpSail 2012 Virginia™ 1812 Bicentennial Speaker Series on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7pm at the Virginia Arts Festival Theater located at 440 Bank Street, Norfolk VA 23510.

Dr. Spencer C. Tucker will discuss his book, Injured Honor: The Chesapeake-Leopard Affair: June 22, 1807, which portrays the disastrous encounter between a British and American frigate off the coast of Norfolk, considered one of the precipitous events of the War of 1812. Dr. Tucker is a former John Biggs Chair of Military History at the Virginia Military Institute (1997-2003).

David Healey is the author of 1812: Rediscovering Chesapeake Bay's Forgotten War and scores of magazine articles. On January 19, his lecture will take a look at those who played a role- for better or worse- in the outcome of the war on the Chesapeake Bay, including several larger-than-life personalities such as Admiral Cockburn, Joshua Barney, and flagmaker Mary Pickersgill. For more about the author, go to http://www.davidhealey.net/Davids_site/Bio.html.

Doors open at 6pm, lecture begins at 7pm, followed by a book signing reception. There will also be a drawing for a one-of-a-kind gift set of autographed books from all seven featured historians in the speaker series.

All of the lectures in the series are free and open to the public; however, space is limited and reservations are required. Interested parties can reserve their place for Thursday, January 19, 2012 by emailing opsail2012virginia@festevents.org. Please RSVP by Thursday January 12, 2012. For more information regarding the speakers and other OpSail 2012 Virginia™ 1812 Bicentennial Speaker Series events, please visit <http://www.opsail2012virginia.com/1812-bicentennial-speaker-series>.

